

Religion and Social Service

Importance of Evangelism Receiving Recognition By More Denominations

Evangelism is being stressed by an ever increasing number of church bodies. There is a growing conviction among all evangelical bodies that the world must be won to Christ as a direct result of personal work and evangelistic effort. Definite plans to this end have recently been presented by several denominations.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, for example, has given what is believed to be the first official endorsement of the new method of members of churches going and telling others what they have learned from the Bible. The church is now making a special effort to send out evangelists to preach in the cities and towns. A church week is being urged, corresponding to the church school week adopted by Episcopalians, both with the aim of a settlement and religious period for all forms of effort. Summer campaigns are urged to start at once, leaders in single congregations are to be searched out and laymen made far larger use of.

The Presbyterian and Reformed Church campaigns plan better work in churches located in college towns. They regard frankly pastors in such towns in some

cases as more likely to drive young men away from them than to bring them in. Especially do they seek young men for the mission fields, the home ones as well as foreign. The Episcopal plan, now nearly perfect, is to send out the country such clergy as possess the largest gifts of spirituality and eloquence, to hold what are termed missions, covering usually a week's time.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Chicago this month reported \$10,000,000 of Christ within the past year which is said to exceed all previous Presbyterian records.

The United Brethren at their recent national congress of men at Dayton, Ohio, found that 500 congregations last year had not received a single accession by confession of faith in Jesus Christ, a result of a campaign which was inaugurated to increase their membership at least 10 per cent a year.

The Congregationalists at that council at Kansas City last fall laid great emphasis on evangelism with the result that many of their churches have been greatly aroused on the subject and many people have been added to their congregations.

South; Episcopal, which is erecting several costly cathedrals; Lutheran, who in most of its synods is gathering in foreign born for the first time into housed congregations; Methodist, Disciples and United Brethren, which have building campaigns on in several States; and education which, in Presbyterian and some other bodies, is raising large sums to send to Christian training work abroad. The sum named does not cover vast sums going into structures for colleges once identified with Christian bodies, but now wholly cut off from them.

The single district that is undergoing most radical changes, and giving Christian churches the hardest propositions, is Manhattan Borough, New York City. Here population changes, and the demand for land and hotels, theaters and business is greater than any part of any city ever before went through. Yet in Manhattan alone, exclusive of growing suburbs of New York, not less than \$50,000,000 will go into edifices to be used exclusively for Christian work during the summer building season now here, while as much as \$100,000,000 is covered in plans that are already drawn. A very small proportion of these sums are for Brooklyn and the Bronx. Manhattan still leads all boroughs, indeed all other cities.

In many cities the form of churches is changing, and no year will see so great change as the present one. Structures that resemble loft buildings or apartments with modern hotels are taking the place of conventional churches, certainly of those with steeples and towers. Reports from every part of the country indicate that nearly \$40,000,000 now involved in plans will bring into existence edifices that are up to the minute in church design and other sums to go into commercial or residential buildings.

Religious bodies that are contributing largest sums to these building projects this summer are the Roman Catholic, which is advancing in many large cities, among foreign born especially, and in the

NEWS NOTES FROM UNCLE SAM'S PRINTER

Comrade Isaac D. Williamson, of the day hand section, has recently returned from Philadelphia, Pa., having attended the fifty-third annual reunion of the survivors of his regiment. During the first year of the civil war, Sgt. Williamson enlisted in the Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry Lancers, the only regiment of this character in the service. He was a compositor on the Inquirer and with about twenty-five other printers thereon employed, enlisted for the war. He served in the Army of the Potomac, participating in a number of engagements. When mustered out at Harper's Ferry, on October 24, 1864, he returned to Philadelphia and resumed his printing work. He held his cases for eleven years, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, subsequently to Denver and California, and arrived in this city in 1902, and was assigned to the old second division when in charge of the late William H. Hickman. Mr. Williamson is now in his seventy-sixth year, well preserved, and his fair hair is turning gray. He would add that he has always been an active G. A. R. man.

Mr. J. E. Martinson, of Seattle, Wash., a former employee, was a Monday morning visitor. Doubtless many at the present time will recall this gentleman, having been employed in the old second division, when formalized by J. Kelley Seagraves, during Public Printer Benedict's last administration; he also worked in the document night force when in charge of Foreman Charles E. Young, as well as in the Treasury and other branches. During this period he attended and graduated from the Georgetown Law School. In following the choice of his profession, he finally went West about fourteen years ago. He is now located at Seattle with his interesting family and he practices law in the State and Federal courts. He brings a fine report from that other former popular G. P. O. printer, Judge Charles Ennis, who resides in the same city.

The many friends of Assistant Doorkeeper Thomas Peter, will regret to learn of the passing away of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Peter, who died at the home of her son, at Bethesda, Md., during the week in her seventy-seventh year.

The week was marked by the passing away of another old and well known employee until recently as a member of the G. P. O. watch force, Capt. James C. Toy, at his late residence, 928 B street northeast. The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, having been employed in the G. P. O. for many years, and was subsequently promoted to lieutenant, and when he was discharged at the close of the war was captain of Company D, Second Regiment, United States Volunteer Cavalry, and served in the Philippines.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IN MISSION FIELDS

The foreign mission boards report church unity to be much farther advanced in foreign fields than in the churches in America. So pronounced is the sentiment that every religious body is compelled to bow down to the fact that some new missionary gives voice to sectarian sentiments, only to be reminded that he must conform or get out. The Philippines have proven a practice field in co-operation, and a close second in results. In China unity is practiced in matters of education, both primary and advanced, and the old duplication and waste have ended. In all of these fields the advanced Anglicans, High Church Episcopalians from America and England—have fallen in with others, and it is declared that business methods to an extent not at all realized at home obtain in these foreign countries.

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FRIENDS ASK MILLIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS

Quakers propose a campaign to secure \$2,000,000 for their board of education and Friends colleges in equal amounts to the extent of \$1,000,000, and boards of home and foreign missions in the other \$1,000,000. They propose also an educational secretary, and a new and broader policy governing all policy of the board, they call their five-year meeting activities. Haverford, Barham and Whittier colleges are the foremost Quaker ones second in results. In China unity is practiced in matters of education, both primary and advanced, and the old duplication and waste have ended. In all of these fields the advanced Anglicans, High Church Episcopalians from America and England—have fallen in with others, and it is declared that business methods to an extent not at all realized at home obtain in these foreign countries.

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Women Who Have Won Out in Business



MRS. JENNIE READ, EXPORTER.

By ISABEL STEPHEN.

When a man or woman reaches the age of fifty-seven he or she is ready to ring down the curtain on the affairs of the work-a-day world, and to enjoy in peace the twilight of old age. It was in the twilight of old age that I met Mrs. Jennie Read, a woman who has won out in business. She is a woman of about fifty-seven, with a face that shows the signs of age, but with a spirit that is as young as a girl. She has been in business for many years, and has built up a large and successful career. She is a woman of great energy and determination, and has been able to overcome all the difficulties that have come in her way. She is a woman who has won out in business, and is a true example of a woman who has made her own way in the world.

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BAPTIST CHURCH BOAT.

Baptist missionary and educational interests are contracting for another traveling church—their third—they are introducing the automobile college and church, and they were the first in this country, to introduce the church that is a railway car. The newest traveling church is a boat, and it is to go to the camps and settlements on the upper Puget Sound. This colportage and traveling church is 45 feet long by 12 feet wide, and besides accommodations for the missionary and his wife, with a guest chamber, it has space for 200 people and an auditorium that seats twenty or more.

A year ago Baptists put into commission their first boat church, and a few months later they sent another to the coast on Coos Bay, in Western Oregon, among the mining camps, and the other on Sacramento Bay and river in California. Thousands of families are thus reached for the first time, and religious services that could not be in any other way. The new boat, which is to cost \$5,000 and be a memorial to the late Rev. Dr. Robert G. Seymour, an eminent Baptist here, will be a field of fully thirty people in the Puget Sound region. The people are eager for the innovation and have subscribed part of the money for it. Every possible convenience, especially electric lights, for power and kitchen, are found on these traveling churches.

The automobile colportage cars and churches, put into service by Baptists, are in use in Maine and Connecticut, and Baptists have now seven cars that are fitted up as churches. They are hauled by railroads of the Rocky Mountain and Southwest regions, and laid up on side tracks at small stations where religious services are held and Sunday schools organized. The railroads haul the cars without charge. Baptists say they have demand for the eighth car. Very large fields are covered by each.

DR. GULICK HONORED BY YALE.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, the missionary of the American board in Japan, who has been working while on furlough in this country for a better understanding by Americans of the Japanese problems and position, was honored by a doctorate in divinity from Yale University, at this year's commencement. Dr. Gulick will speak before the National Education Association in St. Paul, Minn., next month on the responsibility of educators for the solution of the Oriental problem. He believes that American children should be taught to look with good will upon immigrants and to recognize the good gifts each race may bring.

CHAUTAUQUA'S 40TH BIRTHDAY.

The original Chautauqua, on the lake of that name in Western New York, is to celebrate this summer the fortieth anniversary of its founding by the present Bishop Vincent. Features of the anniversary season are a cost of living week, with economists to give data about prices; a musical week, with Victor Herbert and 500 voices, and an expanding church week, with Moderator Stone, of the Presbyterian General Assembly, as speaker.

MAYOR MITCHELL TO SPEAK.

Mayor Mitchell, of New York, will join the ranks of lecturers this summer and speak at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., on July 10. "The City and the State Constitution." It is understood he is to outline some views concerning the new constitution which New York State is to frame, especially in its passage relating to the government of cities of the first class, and how to secure in office men of the right stamp to put legal provisions into effect. The date of his address is July 25, and nominations for delegates to the constitutional convention are to be made in August.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

A commission of three, representing the Foreign Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, will sail on July 31 for the Philippine Islands, China, and Japan to study at close range the needs of the mission stations and to report to the churches in America. This is said to be taken in response to urgent requests from the missionaries and native churches. The commission consists of Stephen J. Corey, for many years a secretary of the society having charge of the Disciples' foreign mission work; W. C. Bower, professor in the University of Lexington, Ky., and R. A. Doan, a consecrated business man of Nelsonville, Ohio. The expense of the regular missionary funds, Mr. Doan, with his family, will continue his journey to India and around the world, while Messrs. Corey and Bower will return to San Francisco about December 30.

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ARTIST PRAISES GOOD ROADS

Wallace Nutting, who has a nationwide reputation as an artist of considerable note, and who is especially well known in the New England States, writes very interestingly of motor conditions relative to a tour on the continent where he and his wife have been touring in the Stevens-Duryea for several months past. He emphasizes the fact that the tourist of the present time does not need to encounter the difficulties and annoyances that a few years ago seemed almost inevitable. Arrangements can be made to place your car in the hands of a high-class customs broker at Boston or New York, who will attend to all matters such as procuring a passport, and the Touring Club of France, and the Auto Association of Great Britain, and will see your car shipped and through the customs at each end, and your journey will be very promptly and without extra charge.

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